Teaching work by KV Principals

2132. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minimum hours for performing teaching work by Principals of the Kendriya Vidyalayas have been laid out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in practice the Principals never come to classrooms for teaching even one class owing to this connivance with other officers of the Division and it is only reflected in the time-table; and

(d) whether complaints have been received against the Principals of Jaipur division and other division during the year 2000-2001 and if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) Most of the Principals take quite a number of periods although they find difficult to take the required number of periods as per norms because of the increased pressure of administrative and financial work. One complaint received in respect of one Principal of Jaipur Region was not found to be correct.

Foreign language teaching institutes

2133. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reputed foreign language teaching institutes in the country functioning under his Ministry and the source of their funding;

(b) whether his Ministry has plans to set up any new foreign language institutes in the country; and

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested to set up one such institute in that State, in view of the growth of information technology in the State; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) The prominent foreign language teaching institutions under the Ministry of Human Resource Development are Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Banaras Hindu

University, Banaras, Delhi University, Delhi, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry and Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad. These Institutions are funded by the University Grants Commission.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such proposal has been received.

Harassment of women

†2134. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a kind of mental disease is increasing among women due to non-compliance of laws brought forth by Government to prevent harassment of women and to bring uniformity in the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to make any policy to ensure strict compliance of laws relating to crime against women, making provision in the judicial system for early punishment to those found guilty, to make laws relating to domestic violence on women and to create a feeling of self-respect and consciousness in the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Neither the Government nor the National Commission for Women maintains any data on the mental disease afflicting the women due to harassment. However, as per the data compiled by National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, the incidence of crimes committed against women during the last 3 years *viz.* 1999, 2000 and 2001 (upto available months) is 135771, 137472 and 125152 respectively.

(c) The National Policy for the Empowerment of Women provides that the existing legislative structure will be reviewed and if need be additional legislative measures taken by the concerned department for implementing the policy. The policy stresses mainstreaming of gender perspectives in the development process through establishment of policies and programmes. It also encourages changes in personal laws such as those related to marriage, divorce, maintenance, guardianship and in the matter of right to property so as

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